National Policy On Biogas Technology

2419. SHRI RAMDAS AGAR. WAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

WiU the PRIME MINISTER be Pleased to state;

'.a) whether it i_s a fact that Bio-gat; can meet 00 per cent of the co-oking energy needs of the projected 060. million people ot Rural India m the year 2,000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-commercial sources of energy like firewood, crop wastes and cattle dung can supply about 90 per cent ot India's cooking energy; and

(c) if so what steps Government have taken so far to conserve the natural resources and check the environmental pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) According to the estimates of Advisory Board on Energy,. published in a report entitled' "Towards a Perspective on Energy Demand and Supply in India in 20X4/05" in May, 1985, biogas can meet cooking energy needs of about 10 to 18 per cent of the projected rural population in the country tn the yea_r 2004/05 A.D.

<b) Yes, Sir:

(c) Steps taken by Government to conserve natural resources and check environmental pollution include provisions for technical and training support, financial assistance including central subsidy, publicity and awareness raising campaigns, etc. for promoting biogas plants and Im. proved chulhas under two separate Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes. About 20 lakh family type biogas plants and 170 lakh improved chulhas have already bee_n set up in the country. For 1994-95, a target of settling up of 2 lakh family type biogas plants and 26 lakh improved chulhas has been allocated to State Governments and agencies.

draining- to candidates for Civil services Exams

MAO. SHRIMATI CHANRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN; WiU the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state; ,,,

(a) the number of candidates from Gujarat WHO have qualified Civil Services Examinations during the last three years and Have been sel-eared, year-wise;

(.b) what has been the representation from in State of Gujarat in die Naional average of the said exa. minations during the period, and

(c) whether Government propose to provide training facilities for Civil services examinations in Gujarat to iacilitare thy youths of that State in view of the backwardness in education in the tribal belt of the Gujarat? .

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PEN. SIGNS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) In view of the Constitutional provisions of equality of opportunity for entering into Government service. State/region wise representation i_n the All India Services is not monitored centrally.

(c) Education being a State Subject, it is tor the Government of Gujarat to provide adequate facilities for the coaching ot aspirants from Gujarat for appearing in Civil Services Examination.

Norms for Officials for contesting elections in Sports Bodies

2421. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a), whether it i_e a fact that Government have revised norms for officials contesting elections i_n any National Level Sports Bodies; and